

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with the Revised Rules under 37 C.F.R. 1.121, please amend the claims as shown below and indicated as “currently amended.” Also shown below are claims that may be original, cancelled, withdrawn, previously presented, new, and not entered.

Please cancel claims 1, 24-26, 29-31, 37, 39-40, 49, 73-75, 78, 82, 142-143, leaving remaining claims 2-6, 8-13 and 32.

1. (cancelled)

2. (currently amended) For use with an anchor rail formed as a U-shaped channel having a pair of upstanding, opposing legs, each leg having an inwardly extending wall and terminating in a downwardly oriented rail lip, an adapter configured to receive and releasably retain an associated article support hanger on the associated anchor rail, the adapter comprising:

a mounting surface having an opening formed therein to releasably secure the article support hanger to the adapter;

flanges depending from the mounting surface;

mounting legs extending from the flanges, the mounting legs each having a hook-like portion for engaging the corresponding rail lip, the hook-like portion extending substantially along a width of the mounting leg; and

the adapter being flexible to permit urging of the flanges inwardly toward each other to facilitate insertion of a portion of the mounting legs into the U-shaped channel, the adapter further being resilient such that the hook-like portions biasingly engage the rail lips. The adapter

~~in accordance with claim 1~~ wherein the mounting legs include an inwardly extending portion contiguous with a downwardly extending portion, and wherein the hook-like portion is formed at

an end of the downwardly extending portion.

3. (currently amended) The adapter in accordance with claim 2 + including at least one binding element formed on at least one of the mounting legs ~~cooperating with each hook-like portion to clamp the respective rail lip between the hook-like portion and the at least one binding element.~~

4. (original) The adapter in accordance with claim 3 wherein the binding element is disposed on the inwardly extending portion.

5. (currently amended) The adapter in accordance with claim 4 wherein the binding element is a tab formed in the inwardly extending portion, ~~the tab being defined by a pair of notches in the inwardly extending portion~~ and configured to bite into the rail if the adapter is translated longitudinally along the rail.

6. (original) The adapter in accordance with claim 5 wherein the tab includes a downwardly bent portion configured to bite into a respective rail inwardly oriented wall.

Claim 7. (cancelled)

8. (currently amended) The adapter in accordance with claim 2 + wherein the mounting surface is a top surface.

9. (currently amended) The adapter in accordance with claim 2 + wherein the mounting surface is planar.

10. (currently amended) The adapter in accordance with claim 2 + wherein the mounting surface is curved.

11. (currently amended) The adapter in accordance with claim 2 + including a collar depending from a periphery of the opening.

12. (previously presented) The adapter in accordance with claim 11 wherein the collar includes threads formed therein.

13. (currently amended) For use with an anchor rail formed as a U-shaped channel having a pair of upstanding, opposing legs, each leg having an inwardly extending wall and terminating in a downwardly oriented rail lip, an adapter configured to receive and releasably retain an associated article support hanger on the associated anchor rail, the adapter comprising:

a mounting surface having an opening formed therein to releasably secure the article support hanger to the adapter;

~~The adapter in accordance with claim 1 including a plurality of downwardly/inwardly oriented projections extending from a periphery of the opening-;~~

flanges depending from the mounting surface;

mounting legs extending from the flanges, the mounting legs each having a hook-like portion for engaging the corresponding rail lip, the hook-like portion extending substantially along a width of the mounting leg; and

the adapter being flexible to permit urging of the flanges inwardly toward each other to facilitate insertion of a portion of the mounting legs into the U-shaped channel, the adapter further being resilient such that the hook-like portions biasingly engage the rail lips.

Claims 14-31 (cancelled)

32. (currently amended) For use with an associated article support hanger and a strut-type channel, an article support hanger configured to retain a waveguide transmission line, or electrical, pneumatic, hydraulic or other utility line, the strut-type channel being generally U-shaped and having a pair of upstanding, opposing legs, each leg having an inwardly extending

wall and terminating in a downwardly oriented rail lip, a unitary resilient coupling comprising:

an article support hanger receiving portion configured to receive and releasably retain the associated article support hanger;

opposed mounting legs having feet configured to engage corresponding channel lips of the strut-type channel to securely lock the unitary resilient coupling into the channel when the legs are pinched together to fit within the channel, and released so as to expand and biasingly contact the corresponding channel lips

said resilient coupling further including a threaded opening adapted to be retentively engaged by the article support hanger; and

~~The coupling defined by claim 30 wherein said opening is surrounded by radial friction tabs.~~

Claims 33-143 (cancelled)